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# ENG 1001G-042: Composition and Language

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English 1001G: Composition and Language, Fall '02/Sect. 042/MWF(2:00-2:50)

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## Course Description and Policies

English 1001G: A course in the reading and writing of expressive, expository, and persuasive essays.

Emphasis is given to effective expression through the means of clear structures of composition, adequate development of ideas, effective knowledge of mechanics, and proper documentation of sources.

Prerequisite: English 1000 or proficiency in basic skills demonstrated by ACT or CLEP exams. **Since this section of 1001 is computer-assisted, each student must purchase at least one IBM-formatted, 3.5 inch, High Density computer disk.**

**Attendances:** ~~I will allow up to three (3) unexcused absences. After three, you will lose one letter grade~~ (from your final class grade) for each unexcused absence. An unexcused absence occurs when no acceptable documentation or explanation is provided to the instructor. I, of course, will decide what is "acceptable" on the basis of individual cases. In any case, talk to me ahead of time if you wish to know if your excuse will be acceptable.

**Coursework:** In addition to daily assignments, you will write four three-page essays and one six-to-nine page research paper (your final project). All essays must be typewritten, double-spaced, and will be graded on the basis of composition, grammar, rhetoric, and style (ideas we will discuss constantly in class). I do accept late essays, but you will lose one grade per day on any essay turned in beyond the due date (yes, weekends count). All essays will be returned to you approximately one week from their due dates. **KEEP ALL YOUR GRADED ESSAYS UNTIL THE SEMESTER IS OVER!!**

**Tests/Quizzes:** There will be two exams over the course of the semester, but there will be NO final exam. Quizzes will be given on daily readings as necessary.

**Final Grades:** Final grades will be determined by averaging all coursework and, if necessary, implementing the above-stated attendance policy. English 1001G is graded on an A, B, C, NC (no credit) scale. Students who receive a grade of NC must repeat 1001G until a grade of C or better is attained.

**Plagiarism:** Any teacher who discovers an act of plagiarism has the right and responsibility to impose upon the guilty student an appropriate penalty, up to and including immediate assignment of a failing grade for the work in question as well as the course, and is to report the incident to the Judicial Affairs Office. Plagiarism is defined as "The appropriation or imitation of the language, ideas, and/or thoughts of another author, and the representation of them as one's original work." (Random House Dictionary)

**Students With Disabilities:** If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583).

**NOTE:** Please make sure all cell phones and pagers are turned off BEFORE you enter the classroom. Anyone receiving calls or pages during class will lose ten points on whatever the next assignment might be.

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## Course Activities and Assignments

(subject to expansion and/or deletion)

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### August

Mon 26: Intro to course and class policies

Wed 28: Diagnostic Essays.

Fri 30: In Class Writing/Explain Major Usage Errors/Assignment: Blair Ch.32—Ex. 1,2,5

### September

Mon 2: **NO CLASS (Labor Day)**

Wed 4: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/Usage Error Worksheet/ Assignment: Blair Ch.33—Ex. 1,2,3

Fri 6: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/Usage Error Worksheet/ Assignment: Blair Ch.34 (A-E)—Ex. 1,2,4

Mon 9: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/Usage Error Worksheet Assignment: Blair Ch.34(H-U)—

Ex.9,10,11

Wed 11: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/Usage Error Worksheet/Assignment: Bedford Essays—"Silent Dancing" p.122/"Arm Wrestling" p.100/"Silk Parachute" p.155

Fri 13: Discuss Bedford Essays/Essay Topics/Assignment: Outline for Essay #1 (**Anyone without an outline will lose 10 pts. on final paper grade—throughout the semester.**)

Mon 16: Begin Rough Drafts Essay #1

Wed 18: Continue Drafting Essay #1

Fri 20: Finish and Print Essay #1. Assignment: Blair Ch.35—Ex. 1,2,7

Mon 23: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/Usage Error Worksheet /Assignment: Blair Ch.36 (A-I)—Ex. 1,4,5

Wed 25: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/Usage Error Worksheet Assignment: Bedford Essays—"Rainy Mountain" p.587/"Shooting An Elephant" p.596/"Once More To The Lake" p.644

Fri 27: Discuss Bedford Essays/Essay Topics/Assignment: Outline for Essay #2

Mon 30: Begin Rough Drafts Essay #2

### October

Wed 2: Continue Drafting Essay #2

Fri 4: Finish and Print Essay #2. Assignment: Blair Ch.36 (J-R)—Ex.8,11,13

Mon 7: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/Usage Error Worksheet/Assignment: Blair Ch.37—Ex.2

Wed 9: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/Usage Error Worksheet/Assignment: Bedford Essays—"I Have A Dream" p.567/"Discrimination" p.67

Fri 11: Discuss Bedford Essays/Essay Topics/Assignment: Outline for Essay #3

Mon 14: Begin Rough Drafts Essay #3

Wed 16: Continue Drafting Essay #3-- Essay #3 will be due on Mon. 21, as will be Blair Ch. 38—Ex. 1,2,4

Fri 18: **NO CLASS (Fall Break)**

Mon 21: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/UE Worksheet/ Assignment: Blair Ch.39 (A-E)—Ex. 1,4,5

Wed 23: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/UE Worksheet/Assignment: Bedford Essays—"Grant And Lee" p.196/"Drugs" p.373/"Penalty Of Death" p.470

Fri 25: Discuss Bedford Essays/Essay Topics/Assignment: Outline for Essay #4

Mon 28: Begin Rough Drafts Essay #4

Wed 30: Continue Drafting Essay #4

### November

Fri 1: Finish and Print Essay #4. Assignment: Blair Ch.39 (F-J)—Ex.6,7,8

Mon 4: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/UE Worksheet.

Wed 6: Review for Usage Test #1

Fri 8: **Usage Test #1.**

Mon 11: Go over UT #1/Discuss Revision Process/Assignment: Bring lowest graded essay to revise.

Wed 13: Work On Revision

Fri 15: Finish and Print Revision/Assignment: Blair Ch.40—Ex. 1,2

Mon 18: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/UE Worksheet/Conference Sign-Up Sheet/Assignment: Blair Ch.42—Ex. 1,2,3

Wed 20: In Class Writing/Go over Blair/Conference Sign-Up Sheet/Assignment: Blair Ch. 43—Ex. 1,3,4

Fri 22: Go over Blair/Discuss Research Papers/Conference Sign-Up Sheet

Mon 25—Fri 29: **NO CLASS (THANKSGIVING BREAK)**

## **December**

Monday, December 2—Friday, December 6: Conference Week. Assignment: Blair Ch.46—Ex. 1

Mon 9: Go over Blair/ Review for Usage Test 2.

Wed 11: **Usage Test #2.**

Fri 13: Go over Usage Test #2. THE END!!\*\*\*

\*\*\*Well, almost. Your research papers will be due on the day and time allotted for your section's final exam. Have a great break.